



**ROSEDALE** SCHOOL  
AUSTIN Independent School District

# The Rosedale School Grand Opening Celebration

**MARCH 7, 2022 | 5:00 P.M.**



# Independence Taught Here

For families whose children have severe special needs, the Rosedale School has offered one simple message: Your child is welcome here. Created in 1988 within the original Rosedale Elementary School, Rosedale serves students from ages 3-22 with severe special needs, including children who are medically fragile or need intensive behavioral support. The new modernized facility reflects the mission of the Rosedale School to support the unique needs of its students and to provide a positive environment that prepares them to live, work and enjoy life in the community. In providing students with appropriate educational opportunities and quality instruction, as well as abundant care and love, students increase their independence, improve self-esteem and experience a greater quality of life.

The new Rosedale School was thoughtfully planned and designed to support the individually tailored programs for its students and create a welcoming, empowering, and community-focused school. An inclusive and collaborative design process engaged teachers, staff, families, school supporters and community members to create a one of a kind campus for specialized learning and support. The Campus Architectural Team (CAT) dreamed of a school that reflects experiences of Austin and a connection to nature and outdoors as a 'School Within a Park.'

The building is organized into distinct learning neighborhoods for Medically Fragile, Behavioral, Transition to Life in the Community, and shared community spaces all connected to a central commons, known as the living room. The forms, spaces and materials of each neighborhood are inspired by the natural environment including the colors and patterns of vegetation, the sensation and movement of water, and the shapes and textures of wildlife. Sensory design considerations that inspire discovery and movement can be found throughout the campus.

The new Rosedale School is designed to meet LEED Silver certification, including a commitment to air quality, infection prevention and overall health and wellness for the students and faculty. The campus includes space for a pediatric clinic community partner dedicated to the care of children with complex medical issues. The combination of a school and clinic serving individuals with medical and behavioral needs within one facility will serve as a model for other communities across the country.

# PROGRAM

Thank you for joining Austin ISD as we celebrate the grand opening of the modernized Rosedale School, built as part of the 2017 Bond Program.

## WELCOME

Elizabeth Dickey  
*Rosedale School Principal*

## REMARKS

Dr. Stephanie Elizalde  
*AISSD Superintendent*

Geronimo Rodriguez  
*AISSD Board of Trustees, President*

Kristin Ashy  
*AISSD Board of Trustees, District 4*

Chad Johnson  
*Associate Principal, Page Architects*

Maureen Benschoter  
*The Rosedale Foundation*

## RIBBON-CUTTING

## CLOSING PERFORMANCE

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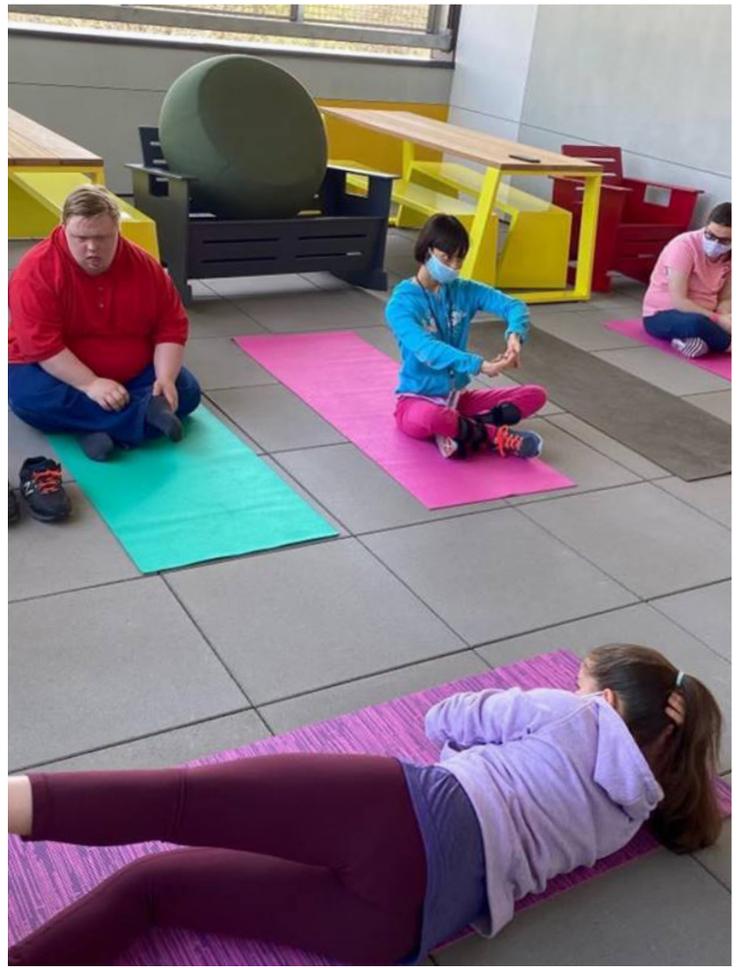
# REGISTRATION FOR THE ROSEDALE RIDE IS LIVE!

The 28th annual Rosedale Ride will be back on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at one of Austin's newest venues, The Pitch! After two years of virtual rides, we are thrilled to be able to gather together for the 28th ride. Register today at [p2p.onecause.com/rr28/home](https://p2p.onecause.com/rr28/home).

The ride is a vital part of our community, when we all get the opportunity to celebrate the wonderful students, faculty, staff and supporters of Rosedale. With your participation, we are able to raise important funds for our school.

This year we are hoping to raise \$100,000 and we can't do that without you. Sign up today to support the Rosedale School!







# SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to the Austin ISD Board of Trustees, teachers and team members, the Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee and the Community Bond Oversight Committee, as well as the Rosedale Campus Architectural Team, whose dedication and time throughout the planning and design process have made this school a reality.

## **CAMPUS ARCHITECTURAL TEAM**

Elizabeth Dickey, Principal  
Maureen Benschoter, Parent  
Arun Chatterjee, Community Member  
Shelby Dotin, Teacher  
Al Godfrey, Community Member  
Jason Hawrylo, Teacher  
Brian Henry, Community Member  
Jerimi Henry, Community Member  
Rebecca Jurgensen, School Nurse  
Samantha Marion, Teacher  
Cindy Rosales, Life Skills Specialist  
Kaysie Sallans, Administrative Assistant  
Claudia Sandoval-Sosa, Teacher  
Tammy Smith, School Staff

## **PROGRAM MANAGER**

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## **PROJECT TEAM**

Page Architects  
Rogers-O'Brien Construction